

Welcome to the Park

Valhalla Provincial Park is a dramatically diverse area encompassing 30 kilometres along the west shore of Slocan Lake and most of the Valhalla range of the Selkirk mountains. The peaks are truly magnificent in the northwest; New Denver Glacier (2,758 metres) dominates the landscape while the block-shaped Devil's Couch (2,667 metres) and Hela Peak (2,717 metres) define the central area. Along the southwestern boundary is an outstanding group of spires including Mount Dag, the Wolf's Ears, Gimli, Asgard and Gladshiem (all over 2,660 metres). The Slocan Lake shoreline has many attractive sand and cobble beaches for boaters to enjoy.

Things to Do



There are canoeing opportunities on Slocan Lake. A popular trip is to canoe the length of the park, staying close to the shore, over two to five days. Motor boats are permitted only on Slocan Lake.



Numerous hiking opportunities exist at this park. See the trail descriptions on reverse for more information.



Swimming can be enjoyed at many locations. There are no life guards on duty in provincial parks.



Hunting is permitted from September 1 to June 30 during lawful game hunting season. No hunting permitted at Evans Lake Ecological Reserve which is located within the park boundary. Licence required.



Pets are only permitted at the Slocan lakeshore sites and on the trails originating there. Pets must be on a leash at all times. Please be responsible for their behaviour and waste.



There are great fishing opportunities at this park. Valid provincial fishing licence required.

Visitor Services



Nine Slocan lakeshore camping areas provide pit toilets and bear-proof food caches, and are open year-round. No services at marine sites. Other camping opportunities are available at Emerald and Cahill Lakes and on the Gimli and Gwillim access trails.



Boat-accessible beaches for day-use or picnic facilities.



Campfire rings are provided at Slocan, Emerald, and Cahill lakes. Fires permitted only in designated rings. Use driftwood only. Bring a camp stove for cooking.

Enjoy Your Stay

Park regulations protect the natural state of the park and ensure a quality experience for all visitors.

- Help us keep parks beautiful - pack it in, pack it out.
- Use of drones/UAVs is not permitted in Valhalla Park.
- Mountain bikes, motor vehicles (including motorcycles, ATVs, snowmobiles, etc.) are restricted to vehicle roads and parking lots. Motorboats permitted only on Slocan Lake. It is recommended that larger motorboats anchor in the more protected areas due to unpredictable wind.
- Lakes and streams are the source of drinking water. Protect the water system by washing at least 100 m from water's edge. Biodegradable soaps, food scraps and dirty dishes will pollute water.

Gimli Area Mountain Goats

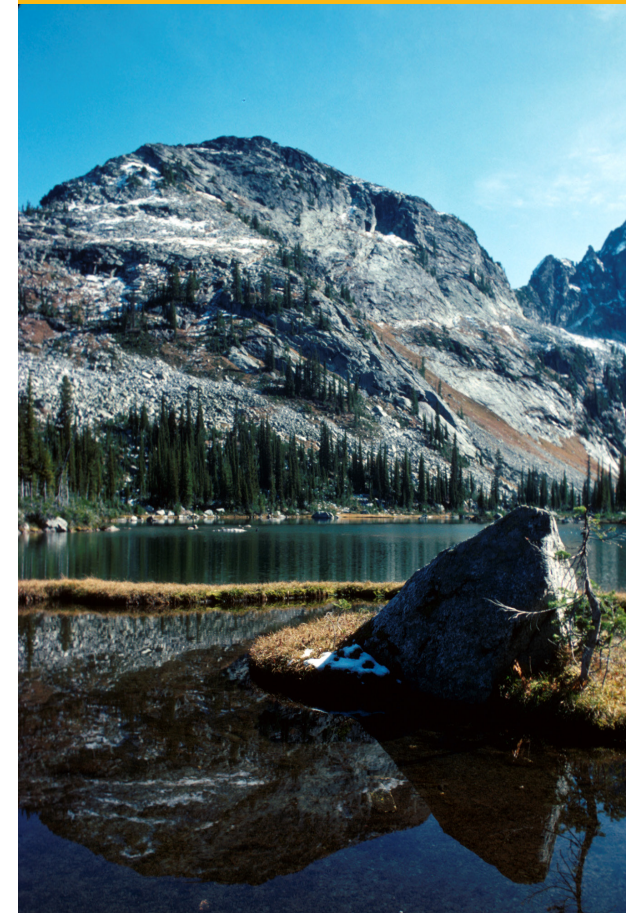
Mountain goats in the Gimli area have become habituated to people as a result of their attraction to human urine on the ground. The public is asked to use the backcountry toilet facility for all toilet needs including brushing teeth and urinating, and to use the food cache to store all food/odorous items including boots and sweaty clothing. Thank you for helping us ensure the health and survival of these goats and the safety of the public.

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How To Get Here

Access the park from Hwy 6 by logging roads at Passmore and Slocan City. Water access is from Slocan City, Silverton and New Denver, all of which have boat launches. Be cautious if you choose to canoe or kayak as strong cross winds may blow up suddenly.

Trails

Distance	Time	Elevation Gain
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Slocan City/Evans Creek/Beatrice Lake Trails

Access by parking just south of Slocan River bridge. Resident parking only north of the bridge. Please use Leave No Trace camping ethics. Prime grizzly bear habitat and often dangerous terrain. Pets are allowed on this trail only as far as Beatrice Lake.

Slocan City to Evans Creek - Moderate

7.2 km 2.5 hours Steep sections

Trailhead 200 m to the north of the bridge on a residential road. Good early season trail with flowers, swimming and fishing. Please respect private land.

Evans Beach to Emerald Lake - Moderate

4 km 2.5 hours 500 m

Facilities include 4 tent pads, outhouse, bear-proof food cache and excellent fishing. Look for an old logging flume.

Emerald Lake to Cahill Lake (east end) - Moderate

2 km 1.5 hours 215 m

Watch for dams that were used to store water for logging flumes.

Cahill Lake (west end) - Easy

1.5 km 30 minutes Minimal

Facilities include 6 tent pads, outhouse and bear-proof food cache.

Cahill Lake to Beatrice Lake - Moderate

2.5 km 1.5 hours 215 m

Excellent fishing. No camping permitted at Beatrice Lake.

Trail to Gimli Ridge - Difficult

4 km 2 hours 600 m

Access by turning off Hwy 6 at Slocan City. Follow Little Slocan Forest Service Road for 15 km then Bannock Burn logging road for 13 km to the trailhead. Views of Mt. Gimli & Mulvey Basin, a spectacularly beautiful alpine area with world-class climbing opportunities. Descent into Mulvey Basin is suitable only for experienced mountaineers equipped with ice axes and ropes. Goats have become habituated to humans - for your/their safety, please store food/odorous items in the food cache and do not urinate on the ground. Backcountry toilet facility is provided. Fires and pets are not permitted.

Sharp Creek Trail to New Denver Glacier - Difficult

8.8 km 8+ hrs each way 1,900 m

Access by boat on the west shore of Slocan Lake. Waterfalls, cascades and stunning views of the glacier. Access to traverse routes from this trail. No facilities. Please use Leave No Trace camping ethics. This trail is only periodically maintained. Check trail report on Valhalla website at bcparcs.ca for the latest conditions.

Wee Sandy Creek Trail - Moderate

4 km 1.5 hours 400 m

Access by boat on the west shore of Slocan Lake. An historic logging trail through beautiful old growth forest. Pets are only allowed to the end of the established trail at 4 km.

Nemo Creek Trails

Access by boat on the west shore of Slocan Lake.

Nemo Falls Loop - Easy

1 km 30 minutes

Nemo Creek - Easy/Moderate

4 km 4 hours 905 m

Features the Rock Castles, an historic cabin, and massive old growth cedar/hemlock forests. Travel in upper part of the drainage is not recommended as this is prime grizzly bear habitat. Pets are permitted only as far as the Rock Castles.

Drinnon Pass/Gwillim Lakes Trail

Access from Hwy 6 at Slocan City or to the south at Passmore. Follow signs on Little Slocan Forest Service Road for ~24 km then Hoder Creek Forest Service Road for 21 km to the trailhead. Picturesque vistas. Some areas are prime grizzly bear habitat. Stay on marked trails to protect fragile alpine meadows. Camp only on constructed tent pads. Fires and pets are not permitted.

Trailhead to Drinnon Lake - Moderate

2 km 1.5 hours 300 m

Facilities include three tent pads, outhouse, and a bear-proof food cache. Good fishing. No campfires permitted.

Drinnon Lake to Drinnon Pass/Wicca Lake - Moderate

1.3 km 0.5 hours 125 m

Facilities include six tent pads, an outhouse, bear-proof food cache and cooking centre at Wicca Lake Campsite. No campfires permitted.

Drinnon Pass to Gwillim Lakes - Moderate

2.7 km 1.5 hours

Elevation gain/loss: 250 m/125 m

Facilities include 12 tent pads, 2 outhouses, bear-proof food cache and cooking centre. No campfires permitted.

Conservation

The park supports important populations of mountain goat and grizzly bear along with other locally common species. Alpine ptarmigans and golden eagles are favoured birds to watch when hiking.

The forest vegetation is a diverse mixture of species including hemlock, coastal salal, and magnificent old growth spruce, western red cedar and yellow cedar stands.

Pictographs on the rock bluffs overhanging Slocan Lake are reminders of First Nation inhabitants while overgrown trails and logging flumes mark the passing of the local mining boom a century ago.